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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SESSION 1895.

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Choctaw

October

N. Q. Adams, Moderator
J. R. W. Foster, Clerk

Ex
E. R. Seward,
S. B. Dobbs,
W. M. Weeks,

Next Meeting
Choctaw county, M
on Saturday before

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MINUTES

— OF THE —

Chester Baptist Association,

— HELD WITH THE —

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH,

Choctaw County, Mississippi.

October 4, 5, & 6, 1895.

OFFICERS:

N. Q. Adams, Moderator	Sturgis, Miss.
J. R. W. Foster, Clerk and Treasurer,	Chester, Miss.

Executive Board.

E. R. Seward,	Ackerman, Miss.
S. B. Dobbs,	Chester, Miss.
W. M. Weeks,	Chester, Miss.

◀ NEXT MEETING. ▶

Next Meeting to be held with Providence Church,
Choctaw county, Miss., five miles west of Chester, Miss.,
on Saturday before the Lord's Day in October, 1896.

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BAPTIST LAYMAN PRINT,

WINONA, MISS.

ORDER * OF * BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Finance Committee.
2. Reading Letters.
3. Organization of Association.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Return Correspondence.
7. Appoint Special Committees and Miscellaneous Business.
8. Report on Missions.
9. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
10. Report on Sunday Schools.
11. Report on Miss. College and Ministerial Education.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Publications.
14. Report on Temperance.
15. Report on Sustentation.
16. Report on Financial Committee.
17. Report of Executive Committee.
18. Appoint Standing Committees.
19. Miscellaneous Business.
20. Prayer.

HISTORICAL TABLE

SERMON.	ORGANIZED.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.
	1892.	Chester.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
J. H. D. Watson.	1893.	Fellowship.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
H. M. Long.	1894.	Bear Creek.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
W. H. H. Fancher.	1895.	Bethlehem.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams.	Sturgis	W. H. H. Fancher.	French Camp.
M. A. Biggers.	Chester	A. J. Franklin.	Pinto.
David Burney.	Ackerman	G. W. Henson.	Bywy.
Moses Black.	Sturgis	J. A. Hunter.	
A. P. Berry.	Sturgis	J. W. Jenkins.	Bankston.
M. A. Carr.	McCool	B. L. Middleton.	Pinto.
C. H. Dobbs.	Byway	Joseph Peacock.	Bankston.
W. A. Edwards.	Ackerman	Jasper Watson.	Reform.
	J. H. D. Watson	Kenago.	

LICENTIATES.

G. S. Jenkins	Pinto.
J. E. Perry	Chester.
J. B. Worrell	Fentress.
W. A. Taylor	French Camp.
B. E. Watson	Chester.
M. O. O'Swalt	Ackerman.
E. W. Taylor	Ackerman.
Billie Dobbs	Chester.

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The Chester Baptist Church at Bethlehem held its third annual session. Adams read a portion of brother W. J. Harvey. appointed by the Moderator Berry and George Vaughan. T. Pearson were appointed then called for, and the follows:

1. French Camp—W. Taylor.
2. Mt. Pisgah—C. H. Henson.
3. Ruhama (Chester)—rity and J. M. Murphy.
4. Mt. Olivet—R. M. C.
5. Wake Forest—N. C. O. Makamson.
6. Providence—J. H. I.
7. Beulah—Calton Br.
8. Bear Creek—M. A. Ward.
9. Pleasant Ridge—H. and J. G. Crow.
10. Fentress—Joe Tho
11. Bethlehem—M. L.
12. Double Springs—Vaughan.

Pending the reading of the introductory sermon having been read by brother W. H. H.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
CHESTER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

OCTOBER THE 4, 1895.

The Chester Baptist Association assembled in the Baptist Church at Bethlehem at 10 o'clock a. m., it being its third annual session. After singing a song brother N. Q. Adams read a portion of scripture and prayer was offered by brother W. J. Harvey. The financial committee was then appointed by the Moderator, to-wit: W. J. Wilson, J. F. Berry and George Vaughan. Brethren S. B. Dobbs and J. T. Pearson were appointed reading clerks. The letters were then called for, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

1. French Camps—W. H. H. Fancher, C. W. Burks and W. A. Taylor.
2. Mt. Pisgah—C. H. Dobbs, C. S. Bowles, J. T. Allen and G. W. Henson.
3. Ruhama (Chester)—S. B. Dobbs, J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity and J. M. Murphy.
4. Mt. Olivet—R. M. Cotton, J. H. Butler and G. T. Butler.
5. Wake Forest—N. Q. Adams, A. P. Berry, R. E. Hannah and H. O. Makamson.
6. Providence—J. H. D. Watson, W. D. Mullin and S. D. McCarty.
7. Beulah—Calton Bruce, I. Morris, M. L. Black and W. O. Steele.
8. Bear Creek—M. A. Carr, W. H. Black, W. H. Pool and J. H. Ward.
9. Pleasant Ridge—H. T. Montgomery, James Buckner, A. D. Sikes and J. G. Crow.
10. Fentress—Joe Thompson and A. J. Prewitt.
11. Bethlehem—M. L. Oswalt, J. R. Hunt and W. T. Weeks.
12. Double Springs—Isaiah Neely, C. C. Ferguson and George Vaughan.

Pending the reading of the letters the hour for the introductory sermon having arrived, business was suspended and brother W. H. H. Fancher preached from the text, 126

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division of the Psalms and 6th verse. Prayer by brother J. T. Sargent. Upon motion, adjourned until half past one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30.

Association called together by singing. Reading clerks continued to read letters from churches.

13. New Zion—W. M. Weeks, Joe Thompson, J. L. Weatherall and J. C. Keen.

14. Clear Springs—M. A. Biggers, J. E. Gregg, J. P. Biggers and D. M. Berry.

15. Hogan's Chapel—E. C. Johnson, W. E. Perry, D. E. Meredith and H. R. Johnson.

16. Wood Spring—J. H. Peacock and W. A. Woods.

17. Bethany—J. R. Smith, M. Busby, Walton Steadman and J. L. Hughes.

18. Spring Hill—R. K. Fondren, W. F. Fondren, Henry Steadman and J. O. Ray.

19. McCurtains Creek—John Sheedy and G. W. McGaugh.

20. Mt. Moriah—H. R. Kite, H. M. Steele, J. J. Rabun and J. H. Power.

21. New Haven—A. H. Chamblee, C. T. Simpson, S. H. M. Campbell and J. N. Franks.

22. New Hope—J. Daniel, J. W. Yeatman and G. A. Skidmore.

23. Fellowship—J. A. Blutta, C. W. Parham, G. H. McClain and M. R. Klutts.

24. Sykes Chapel—J. T. Pearson, R. W. Sykes, Albert Hall and C. C. Sanders.

25. Ackerman—David Burney, J. H. Campbell, John Crow, T. J. Scarborough and W. Adams.

26. Sturges—Oliver Quinn, George Walker and Rasco McVey.

Bluff Springs, Blys Creek, Center Grove, Ennis and Ebenezer not represented, neither by letter or delegates. Upon motion, where delegates who were chosen are absent, others from the churches will be allowed to vote and be recognized in every way as delegates. The clerks having finished reading letters, the Association went into permanent organization, whereupon the Moderator appointed E. W. Spencer from the Columbus Association and W. B. Williams from the Louisville Association as tellers, who after all had voted announced the election of officers as follows: Moderator, N.

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Q. Adams; Clerk, J. R. Moderator, brother Day erator, then appointed The pastor and deacons Mullin and R. M. Cotto

CALLED

Columbus Association-- later also representing the Yazoo Association--W. wards also representing Lay Louisville--W. B. Willi

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Columbus--J. T. Pears Yazoo--

Louisville--W. A. Edw

J. R. Blake.

Kosciusko--M. A. Carr

State Convention--W. I

S. B. Dobbs, M. A. Biggers,

M. A. Carr, C. H. Dobbs, S.

B. C. McGarrity and W. T.

On motion of W. I ciation elected brothe meeting of the Souther as he went and paid hi the money sent for Ass tions taken up on Sun his railroad fare.

Upon motion that represent us at the nex meets at Chattanooga and W. H. H. Fancher

The Devotional C brother W. B. Willi brother W. J. Harve brother J. T. Pearson

Upon motion adj Friday night prea Williams from 4th ch

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Q. Adams; Clerk, J. R. W. Foster. After remarks by the Moderator, brother Dayid Burney led in prayer. The Moderator then appointed the Devotional Committee, as follows: The pastor and deacons of this church with brethren, W. D. Mullin and R. M. Cotton.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Columbus Association--H. J. Vanlandingham, E. W. Spencer the later also representing the Baptist Record.

Yazoo Association--W. A. Hurt also represents Layman W. A. Edwards also representing Layman.

Louisville--W. B. Williams and J. T. Sargent.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE

Columbus--J. T. Pearson, W. H. H. Fancher and A. P. Berry.

Yazoo--

Louisville--W. A. Edwards, J. T. Pearson, A. P. Berry, M. L. Oswald, J. R. Blake.

Kosciusko--M. A. Carr, D. Burney and W. J. Wilson.

State Convention--W. H. H. Fancher, W. J. Wilson, N. Q. Adams, S. B. Dobbs, M. A. Biggers, J. T. Pearson, J. R. W. Foster, Isaiah Neely, M. A. Carr, C. H. Dobbs, S. D. McCartey, W. A. Edwards, A. P. Berry, B. C. McGarrity and W. T. Weeks.

On motion of W. H. H. Fancher inasmuch as the Association elected brother J. J. Carter to represent us at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last year and as he went and paid his own expenses that we appropriate the money sent for Associational purposes and the collections taken up on Sunday to him, which will probably pay his railroad fare.

Upon motion that this Association elect a delegate to represent us at the next Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at Chattanooga and brother A. P. Berry was elected and W. H. H. Fancher elected as alternate.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report that brother W. B. Williams preach at the church to night; brother W. J. Harvey in the grove at 11 a. m. to-morrow; brother J. T. Pearson in the grove at 3 p. m.

Upon motion adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Friday night preaching in the church by brother W. B. Williams from 4th chapter and 5th verse of Colossians.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock the Association was called together by singing. Prayer by brother H. J. Vanlandingham.

The clerks read a letter from Bly's Creek church.

27. Blys Creek--G. S. Jenkins J. L. Fondren. J. W. Ward and F. T. Milligan, delegates.

The Committee on Missions read their report which after speeches by W. H. H. Fancher, H. J. Vanlandingham, J. J. Carter and Charles L. Lewis it was adopted. See A.

The Moderator appointed a committee to apportion the amount requested to be raised by this Association among the churches composing this body and request each church to raise the amount fixed by the committee during the year—not as an assessment, but a request. Committee appointed: W. H. H. Fancher, W. T. Weeks, B. C. McGarrity, C. H. Dobbs and Isaiah Neely, to report during the session.

Upon motion that we suspend the regular order of business and take up report of Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education as brother Charles L. Lewis is here representing the College and will leave before it would come up in order.

The Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education read their report which after remarks by J. J. Carter, Charles L. Lewis and E. W. Spencer was adopted. See B.

All the churches represented, agreed to hold thanksgiving meetings during the month of November and whatever the collections amount to at said meetings to be sent to Charles L. Lewis, Raymond, Mississippi.

Upon motion of brother W. H. H. Fancher that the report be amended by inserting in said report that we recommend to the churches that they try to raise for Ministerial Education the amount of \$50.00 and the amount so raised be sent to George Whitfield, Clinton, Mississippi, or to brother Rowe, Winona, Mississippi, for that purpose. Adopted as amended. On motion, adjourned until half past one.

At 11 o'clock preaching in the grove by brother W. J. Harvey from Revelations 22nd and 17th verse.

Speeches by brethren Fancher in an appeal for money and a collection amounted to \$6 50 for brother Harvey and was paid to

The Committee on report which after some and others was adopted

Upon motion of brother committee on Womans Work meeting, as none of the

The Committee on after remarks by Vanlandingham, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed and J. R. Hunt as a Committee for this meeting.

Upon motion that the minutes of the last Association be appointed on this subject by brother J. J. Carter and Pearson the last year E.

The Committee on after speeches by E. W. and others was adopted

Preaching in the morning.—Text Hebrews 12

The Committee on report: Preaching to-nights at Bethlehem, A. P. Berry at 11 o'clock at Bethlehem; same hour in grove in church, W. H. H. Fancher

Upon motion that the Providence church for next meeting begin on Saturday

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON—1:30.

Speeches by brethren W. A. Edwards and W. H. Fancher in an appeal for help for brother Burney and Harvey and a collection was taken for that purpose which amounted to \$6.50 for brother Burney and \$4.45 for brother Harvey and was paid to them.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence read their report which after some discussion by H. J. Vanlandingham and others was adopted. See C.

Upon motion of brother T. J. Scarborough that the Committee on Womans Work be excused from reporting at this meeting, as none of the committee appointed are present.

The Committee on Publications read their report and after remarks by Vanlandingham, Carter, Spencer and Edwards, was adopted. See D.

The Moderator appointed R. K. Fondren, C. S. Bowles and J. R. Hunt as a Committee on Nominations to report at this meeting.

Upon motion that the report on Temperance in the minutes of the last Association be adopted as the committee appointed on this subject are absent. After speeches by Carter and Pearson the report was adopted. See minutes last year E.

The Committee on Sustentation read their report which after speeches by E. W. Spencer, A. P. Berry, J. J. Carter and others was adopted. See F.

Preaching in the grove by J. T. Pearson at 3 o'clock p. m.—Text Hebrews 12th chapter and 1st verse.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises read their report: Preaching to-night at Ackerman, W. H. H. Fancher; Bethlehem, A. P. Berry; Mt. Airy, M. A. Biggers; Sunday at 11 o'clock at Bethlehem church by brother E. W. Spencer; same hour in grove, H. J. Vanlandingham; at 2 o'clock in church, W. H. H. Fancher.

Upon motion that the next Association meet with the Providence church five miles West of Chester and that said meeting begin on Saturday at 10 o'clock instead of Friday

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before the 1st Sunday in October, 1896. Delegates or visitors coming by rail will leave I. C. railroad at Ackerman and G. P. railroad at Tom Nolen.

The committee appointed to apportion the amount to be paid by each church for the various funds read their report which was received and the committee discharged. See G.

The Committee on Nominations read their report which was adopted See H.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—D. Burney, E. R. Seward and B. C. McGarrity.

Systematic Benevolence—C. H. Dobbs, A. P. Berry and W. J. Wilson.

Sunday Schools—J. J. Carter, R. E. Hannah and W. M. Weeks.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—W. H. H. Fancher, M. A. Carr and W. A. Edwards.

Womans Work—S. B. Dobbs, J. H. D. Watson and G. S. Jenkins.

Publications—J. T. Pearson, J. F. Berry and H. H. Sykes.

Temperance—G. H. Henson, W. D. Mulhin and W. A. Taylor.

Sustentation—F. T. Milligan, J. L. Power and A. P. Berry.

Obituaries—J. H. D. Watson, B. L. Middleton and C. S. Bowles.

The Finance Committee read their report which, upon motion, was adopted. See I.

The Colporteur made his report which was adopted. See J.

Upon motion that W. A. Edwards be continued as Colporteur for the next year.

Upon motion that A. P. Berry preach the next introductory sermon, the Committee on Nominations agreeing thereto.

Upon motion that the Clerk receive \$15.00 for himself and have as many minutes printed as he can with the money left and pro rate them among the churches which contributed to minute fund.

Resolution in minutes of last year adopted:

RESOLUTION:—Whereas, The brethren and sisters of Bethlehem church, with their friends and neighbors, have so kindly, generously and sumptuously entertained the delegates of the Chester Association and visitors.

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Resolved, That the ed to the members of B the vicinity for their h grateful remembrance thy.

Upon motion of W continued as Treasurer

Saturday night pr Devotional Committee text John 1st chapter Bigge.s, text 2nd Cori 14th verse; at church the Psalms and 8th ve

After singing "An was read by the Mode Moderator.

The Committee o which was the same p signed by F. T. Millig ligan, W. J. Wilson a ed. See minutes K.

At 11 o'clock a. n large congregation fro 22, 23 and 24th verse

At same hour H. very large audience chapter and 28th vers

At 2 o'clock p. n large audience from t verse.

Upon motion, ac church in Choctaw c the 1st Lord's day in of Chester, Miss., 11. distance from Tom N

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Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Bethlehem church and the citizens of the vicinity for their hospitality. We will ever cherish in grateful remembrance their expressions of untiring sympathy.

Upon motion of W. J. Wilson that J. R. W. Foster be continued as Treasurer of the Association.

Saturday night preaching in accordance with report of Devotional Committee: Ackerman by W. H. H. Fancher, text John 1st chapter 6th and 7th verses; Mt. Airy, M. A. Bigges, text 2nd Corinthians, 5th chapter and first part of 14th verse; at church by A. P. Berry, text 62nd division of the Psalms and 8th verse.

SUNDAY MORNING.

After singing "Amazing Grace," a portion of scripture was read by the Moderator from 34th Psalm. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools read their report which was the same published in the minutes last year and signed by F. T. Milligan. After speeches by brethren Milligan, W. J. Wilson and H. J. Vanlandingham, was adopted. See minutes K.

At 11 o'clock a. m., E. W. Spencer preached to a very large congregation from the text, 3rd chapter Collossians, 17, 22, 23 and 24th verses.

At same hour H. J. Vanlandingham also preached to a very large audience in the grove from text, Romans 8th chapter and 28th verse.

At 2 o'clock p. m., W. H. H. Fancher preached to a very large audience from the text, 1st Peter, 3rd chapter and 15th verse.

Upon motion, adjourned to meet with the Providence church in Choctaw county on Saturday at 10 o'clock before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1896, which is five miles West of Chester, Miss., 11 miles from Ackerman and about same distance from Tom Nolen. Prayer and benediction.

N. Q. ADAMS,

Moderator.

J. R. W. FOSTER,
Clerk.

A—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions: Our Foreign Mission Board began the year with a debt of \$30,000—they have carried their work without diminishing the force on the fields and have reduced their debt to less than \$20,000. For the past year Mississippi contributed \$1,200.00 more than ever before. The Board asks for \$6,000.00 from Mississippi this Conventional year of which the Chester Association is requested to raise \$75.00. We have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa and Mexico all of whom are doing fine work.

Home Missions: In this department of our work there has likewise been a commendable improvement; our churches having given \$500.00 more than in any previous year to the work of Home Missions Board. Of the amount given we get returned to us for our State work \$1,500.00. The Board deserves our sympathy and we hope the Chester Association will bear her part in raising the \$4,000.00 asked for of Mississippi.

State Missions: The Board have employed during the past year about 60 missionaries, some for their entire time, some for half and some for only one-fourth of their time. Work Done: Days of actual service, 3,692; number of miles traveled, 30,245; number of sermons preached, 3,434; families visited for religious purposes, 3,598; number of persons baptized, 544; baptized by others where missionaries preached, 619; received by letter, 425; restored to church fellowship, 111; number of churches organized, 14. The Chester Association apportioned by the State Convention as follows: Foreign Missions, \$75.00; Home, \$50.00; State \$125, total \$250.00. We, your committee, recommend that we adopt the apportionment and that the Moderator appoint a committee to pro rate the same among the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. FANCHER,

W. J. WILSON.

B—REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education would make the following report: The question of removal of Mississippi College has been fully settled, and the success of the college and the large attendance during the session 1894-'95 demonstrates the fact that the Baptist of Mississippi can differ on temporal questions but without abating their interest in the object of difference—the attendance at the college during the session was 226 students, 22

of whom graduated. ever graduating at one there has also been college buildings, cott and to-day the college externally than at any of students in attendance 208, is but an ensi educational work of facts, but there is much college what Mississippi the friends of the college can in no way demonstrate the abundant blessing try than in supplying to prepare men for Ministerial Education tion received during money, provisions and the ministerial students 32 in number. The rial students, many, help, and at this time these young men in And the Board through asks that we give to God loveth a cheerful

This subject has your committee, are some progress—a lastly the college amounts—yet while impressed with the limit of our duty. system that crowns We know of no better Many of the churches related to a large interest standing of the work tion works well—th

of whom graduated. This perhaps is the largest number ever graduating at one time in the history of the college—there has also been considerable improvement done on the college buildings, cottages, dwellings and campus generally, and to-day the college presents a more attractive appearance, externally than at any former period, and the large number of students in attendance at the opening of the present session 208, is but an ensign to the perfection of the internal and educational work of the college. These are encouraging facts, but there is much yet needed to be done, to make our college what Mississippi Baptist ought to desire it to be, and the friends of the college, in the opinion of your committee, can in no way demonstrate to the world their gratitude for the abundant blessing of God in the prosperity of our country than in supplying every need of an institution founded to prepare men for more efficient work in His vineyard. Ministerial Education: The Board of Ministerial Education received during the last conventional year \$1,650.00 in money, provisions and supplies which was used in aiding the ministerial students in attendance at the college, being 32 in number. The present session opens with 26 ministerial students, many, if not all of whom must look to us for help, and at this time the Board is without money to aid these young men in preparing themselves for efficient work. And the Board through its representatives comes to us and asks that we give to this cause as becometh God's children. God loveth a cheerful giver.

Respectfully submitted,
S. B. DOBBS,
J. L. POWER.

C—SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

This subject has been carefully considered, and we, your committee, are glad to state that the cause is making some progress—a large interest is being manifested and consequently the collections are increasing in number and amounts—yet while reviewing the subject we were deeply impressed with the fact that we have not reached the full limit of our duty. We need to be more systematic. It is system that crowns the efforts of Christians with success. We know of no better plan than the quarterly collection. Many of the churches of this Association have been stimulated to a large interest and have received a better understanding of the work; in such places the quarterly collection works well—therefore we recommend the quarterly sys-

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tem and ask the pastors of the churches to try it for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BERRY.

D—REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: The Bible should be first, last and all the time for each and all to read, study and comply with its teachings, for it is the guide and way-bill from earth to heaven, therefore we do not think we can place too much stress on the study of God's Word. But we can not have a correct knowledge of what is being done throughout the world or in any particular section without reading the publications of the day, as such we recommend the Baptist Record at Meridian, and Baptist Layman, Winona, Miss., by W. A. Hurt. The Baptist Layman is the cheapest paper we know of and is in the reach of all. We would also recommend Mission Journal, Richmond, Va. These should be in every Baptist family in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CARR,

M. A. RIGGERS,

W. A. TAYLOR.

E—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The evils of intemperance and those growing out of the multiplied effects is the greatest monster that to-day confronts the christian world. With a cultivated taste for strong drink and the allurements that attach themselves to the habit, is it any wonder that in its foot-prints the hydra-headed monster creeps along swift to shed blood and commit crime? Is it any wonder that this is the question of the day with the Christian in his warfare: How to deal with? How to get at this evil? How to rid ourselves of the evils flowing out of intemperance? These questions your committee cannot answer; but we would recommend that we put on the whole armour of God and fight mightily for our Master. Let us pray continually that He may deliver us from temptation and keep us from evil. We believe that temperance is a christian virtue, without which no one can build any christian character, hence we believe that it is the duty of all christians to be temperate in all things. We believe the admonition "touch not, taste not, handle not" is a guide for the disciples of Jesus to follow. Breth-

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ren, our deportment shall be such as to give living epistles to be read

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Your committee would like to report as follows: We, as a great number of grand objects in our churches, poor in our churches, who have given tithes and have not accumulated. They are now in need of brethren and sisters of these old veterans and we recommend that each church send a delegate to the Association for this purpose. The church clerk must be paid when needed. The Association collect and order of the Association a sum of money for the order of our Executive

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We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: French Camp—Missionary Society, Bear Creek,..... " New Zion,..... " Ruhama,..... " Ackerman,..... " Beulah,..... " Bly's Creek,..... " Bluff Springs,..... " Bethlehem,..... " Bethany,..... " Center Grove,..... " Clear Springs,..... " Double Springs,..... " Ebenezer,..... " Ennis,..... " Fellowship,..... " Hogan's Chapel,..... "

ren, our deportment should be such that our lives will be as living epistles to be read of all men.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. BIGGERS,
A. P. BERRY.

F—REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following: We, as a great body of believers in Christ, foster a number of grand objects, and among these is caring for the poor in our churches, and especially old, worn out ministers, who have given their lives in the service of the Master and have not accumulated much of this world's goods. They are now in needy circumstances, hence it is our duty as brethren and sisters in Christ to look well to the support of these old veterans and their widows. We would recommend that each church of this Association contribute liberally for this purpose, and each church place in the hands of the church clerk monthly, the amount collected ready to be paid when needed. We also think it important that this Association collect and place in the hands of the Treasurer of the Association a sustentation fund to be subject to the order of our Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
A. P. BERRY, Chairman.

G—COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee report as follows:

French Camp—Missions.....	\$ 18 00.....	Min. Ed. \$ 3 00
Bear Creek.....	12 00.....	" " 2 00
New Zion.....	12 00.....	" " 2 00
Ruhama.....	11 00.....	" " 2 00
Ackerman.....	18 00.....	" " 3 00
Beulah.....	10 00.....	" " 2 00
Bly's Creek.....	12 00.....	" " 2 00
Bluff Springs.....	8 00.....	" " 1 50
Bethlehem.....	11 00.....	" " 2 00
Bethany.....	11 00.....	" " 2 50
Center Grove.....	5 00.....	" " 50
Clear Springs.....	1 50.....	" " 1 50
Double Springs.....	1 50.....	" " 1 50
Ebenezer.....	2 50.....	" " 1 00
Ennis.....	2 50.....	" " 1 50
Fellowship.....	8 00.....	" " 2 00
Hogan's Chapel.....	5 00.....	" " 1 00

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Mt. Moriah.....	"	5 00.....	"	"	1 50
Mt. Olivet.....	"	8 00.....	"	"	1 50
Mt. Pisgah.....	"	10 00.....	"	"	2 50
McCurtin's Cr....	"	5 00.....	"	"	1 50
New Haven	"	8 00.....	"	"	2 00
New Hope.....	"	8 00.....	"	"	2 00
Pleasant Ridge..	"	10 00.....	"	"	2 00
Providence	"	5 00.....	"	"	1 50
Spring Hill.....	"	10 00.....	"	"	1 50
Sykes Chapel....	"	5 00.....	"	"	1 00
Woods Spring..	"	2 50.....	"	"	50
Wake Forest....	"	8 00.....	"	"	1 00
Sturgis.....	"	8 00.....	"	"	1 00
Fentress.....	"	2 00.....	"	"	50

Total.....\$254 50 Total.....\$51 00

Signed by the Committee:

W. H. H. FANCHER,
ISAIAH NEELY,
C. H. DOBBS,
B. C. MCGARRITY,
W. T. WEEKS.

H—REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that A. P. Berry preach the next Introductory Sermon, and N. Q. Adams, alternate. We recommend as your next Executive Committee: E. R. Seward, S. B. Dobbs, and W. M. Weeks.

I—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received for minutes, \$36.45; Associational purpose, \$11.30; Foreign Missions, \$4.85; Home Missions, \$5.35; Collection on Sunday, \$9.50. We paid over to W. H. H. Fancher for J. J. Carter, \$20.80, and paid clerk and treasurer, \$47.60. We examined the report of the treasurer, and find the same correct.

W. J. WILSON,
J. F. BERRY.

J—COLPORTEURS REPORT.

I, W. A. Edwards, colporteur of the Chester Association, beg leave to submit the following report: Books sold 20; sermons preached, 19; prayer-meetings visited, 18; churches visited, Sykes Chapel, Ennis, Fentress, Ruhama, New Zion, New Haven, Pisgah, Ackerman, Mt. Moriah,

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Hogan's Chapel, Bly's Creek, Spring Hill. Protracted meetings assisted in, 4; miles traveled, 436. Respectfully,
W. A. EDWARDS, Colporteur.

K--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report the following: It has long been admitted that the Sunday School furnishes some of the best means of teaching the Holy Scriptures and also of developing Christian society. Your committee deplores the fact that this line of Christian work has not received the attention its importance demands. We most earnestly insist that there should be a Sunday School in every church, and that the entire church should participate in this good work. It is to the children the church must look for her future help and support, hence the necessity of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let us brethren, work up to our full force. The Sunday School is one of the best evangelizing agents outside of the living ministry now being used. We recommend for our schools the literature furnished by the Southern Baptist Convention Board located at Nashville, Tenn. We would most heartily recommend our worthy brother, B. N. Hatch, the State Sunday School evangelist, appointed by the State Board and we would urge all Sunday School scholars to hear him on conducting Sunday Schools when they can, and request all Sunday Schools in this Association to raise and send to A. V. Rowe, our secretary, at Winona, Miss., such contributions as they can for the Sunday School work of our State, stating that it is for that work. Sunday Schools have increased in number since the last meeting, and there seems to be more interest. Several churches reported in their letters that a great many conversions were from among those who regularly attended Sunday Schools. Let us make greater efforts in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. MILLIGAN,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In account with Chester Association, Oct. 1894:

Rec'd. from Finance Committee..... 82 20

Paid out as follows:

B. N. Hatch. Sunday School purposes..... \$ 6 80

A. V. Rowe, Missions, etc .. 16 65

N. Q. Adams for Charley Dabbs .. 18 15

Clerk for 1894..... 15 00

MINUTES OF THE

For Minutes, 1894.....	19 75
Sending Manuscript.....	25
Express or Freight.....	50
Hauling.....	25
Postage on Minutes.....	4 00—\$81 00

To balance on hand from 1894..... 85

Rec'd from W. J. Wilson and J. F. Berry \$47 60

\$48 45

Rec'd. from Bluff Springs Church..... 1 25

\$49 70

Paid out as follows:

A. V. Rowe, Foreign Missions	\$ 4 85
A. V. Rowe, Home Missions	5 35
Amt. paid Clerk, 1895.....	15 00
Amt. paid for Minutes.....	19 50

Bal. on hand for expenses..... \$44 70

Adjourned to meet with Providence Church on Saturday at 10 o'clock before the first Lord's Day in October 1896.



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Statistical Table for 1895.

CHURCHES.	Added by			Lost by			Males	Females	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Church Clerks.	Post office.	Ch'rch's orga'nize'd		
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death							Days of Preaching	When Organized	Seating Capacity
Ackerman.....	4	3	...	...	...	...	33	54	W. R. Hughey	West Point, Miss.	Willie Adams.....	Ackerman	3rd		300
Bethlehem.....	18	4	...	4	...	3	80	82	J. T. Sargent.....	Sturgis.....	W. T. Weeks.....	Ackerman	4th	1835	300
Bly's Creek	6	1	...	1	...	1	34	40	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis.....	A. R. Hester.....	Pinto.....	2nd	1871	300
Beulah	1	...	5	...	...	1	32	30	J. T. Sargent.....	Sturgis.....	J. H. Eddleman.....	Weir.....	1st	1861	225
Bear Creek.....	1	4	1	11	1	...	98	99	W. H. H. Fancher.....	French Camp	W. H. Black	Weir.....	3rd		300
*Bethany	1	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis.....	W. Steadman.....	Chester.....	3rd	1885	250
Clear Springs	1	1	1	2	2	...	20	30	M. A. Biggers.....	Chester	J. P. Biggers.....	Chester.....	4th	1862	250
Double Springs.....	1	1	...	3	8	1	43	85	Jasper Watson.....	Reform	J. T. McKee.....	Double Sp'gs	3rd	1851	300
Fellowship.....	...	3	1	4	...	...	46	63	B. F. Middleton.....	Sapa.....	J. W. Woodward.....	Pinto.....	1st	1852	350
Fentress	3	3	1	2	1	...	16	13	David Burney.....	Ackerman.....	Joe Thompson.....	Fentress	3rd	1892	150
French Camp	1	5	2	6	...	2	30	33	W. H. H. Fancher.....	French Camp	W. A. Taylor.....	French C'mp	2nd	...	200
Hogan's Chapel	...	...	...	5	...	...	20	21	G. W. Henson.....	Bywy	E. C. Johnson.....	Chester.....	1st	1886	250
McCurtain's Creek	3	...	...	12	...	...	70	75	G. W. Henson.....	Bywy	T. W. Trussell.....	Bankston	2nd	...	300
Mt. Moriah	3	3	...	6	...	...	28	30	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago	H. R. Kite.....	Kenago.....	4th	1847	250
Mt. Olivet.....	5	1	...	3	1	1	18	29	A. P. Berry.....	Sturgis	G. T. Butler.....	Sturgis	...	...	250
Mt. Pisgah.....	3	4	...	4	2	...	40	60	C. A. Hicks.....	Belfountain.....	C. S. Bowles.....	Bywy.....	4th	1845	500
New Zion.....	3	...	...	5	2	1	49	71	W. H. H. Fancher.....	French Camp	R. F. Keen.....	Kenago.....	1st	...	300
New Haven.....	7	...	...	14	2	...	40	62	J. L. Wilson.....	Best.....	A. W. Chamblee.....	Kenago.....	3rd	1886	280
New Hope.....	3	1	...	1	...	...	25	34	A. P. Berry.....	Sturgis	J. W. Zeatman	Longview	4th	1887	200
Pleasant Ridge.....	1	...	1	1	...	...	21	34	N. Q. Adams.....	Sturgis	A. J. Sikes.....	Bradley	4th	1854	300
Providence.....	...	5	...	1	...	...	34	33	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago.....	J. H. McCarty	Chester.....	2nd	...	300
Ruhama (Chester).....	5	1	...	1	...	1	24	28	W. H. H. Fancher.....	French Camp	J. R. W. Foster.....	Chester.....	1st	1881	300
Sturgis	...	...	...	4	...	...	15	16	J. D. Fulton	Coopwood.....	B. F. Tomilson.....	Sturgis.....	1st	1890	300
Spring Hill	7	...	...	1	...	...	32	50	A. P. Berry.....	Sturgis	J. O. Ray.....	Dido.....	1st	1842	300
Sykes Chapel.....	4	2	...	1	...	...	15	25	J. T. Pearson.....	Longview	R. W. Sykes.....	Longview.....	2nd	1891	250
Wood Springs	3	3	4	2	2	...	40	38	J. C. Peacock	Bankston	J. M. Woods.....	Tomnolen	4th	1889	250
Wake Forest.....	8	1	2	3	...	...	35	37	A. P. Berry.....	Sturgis	W. E. Berry.....	Sturgis	3rd	...	250
Bluff Springs	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	70	J. H. D. Watson.....	Kenago.....	T. J. Lindsay.....	Eupora	0	...	...
Ennis	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	22	W. A. Edwards.....	Ackerman	J. M. Keeton.....	Cagle	0	...	...
Center Grove.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	Jasper Watson.....	Chester.....	A. O. Douglass.....	Maben	0	...	...
Ebenezer	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	31	J. C. Peacock	Bankston	J. O. McGary.....	Bankston	0	...	...
Total.....	90	50	16	89	32	13	1036	1305							

*At Bethany the number of males and females is not given. 0 Not represented by letter or delegate.
 Several of the Churches above did not give the year in which they were organized, and Clerk had to guess at the seating capacity of some of them.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1895

CHURCHES.	Association Mission...	Foreign Missions...	Missions.....	Pastor's Salary.....	Sustentation	Other objects.....	Value of Church.....	Minute Fund.....	Foreign Missions.....	State Missions.....	Home Missions	Ministerial Education.....	Bay Saint Louis	Other Purposes.....	Church Insurance.....	Home Uses.....	Mississippi College.....	Seminary	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.																								
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1*Ackerman	\$ 2 50			165 00			\$ 1 50			\$ 3 75	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 65	\$ 9 00	\$ 16 20				12 00	5 00	3 00		220 60																				
Bethlehem		2 70		60 00		\$4 00	500	2 00															464 59																				
Bly's Creek		10 65		75 00				1 50			1 00												5 20																				
Beulah		5 10	4 25		7 00		800	2 50			10 85	2 00					1 85						90 50																				
Bear Creek		1 20					200							10 20			5 00	5 05					49 95																				
2Clear Springs							100	1 25						2 60									3 80																				
Double Springs								2 00						50			1 00		2 40				6 15																				
3Fellowship	85	3 75					400	1 25															2 00																				
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Hogan's Chapel		5 00					150	50															5 50																				
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6Mount Moriah				35 00			225	1 00				1 00											43 00																				
Mount Olivet		50					375	1 50			1 55			6 00									3 55																				
Mount Pisgah	1 20			50 00			500	1 25						8 00									10 45																				
New Zion				93 45	85			2 00															7 25																				
7New Haven	50			55 00			150	1 25									2 75			1 65			2 30																				
New Hope	75			40 00				1 00															8 85																				
8Pleasant Ridge		3 35					400	1 50			2 35			5 05					4 00	2 05			14 50																				
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Spring Hill	1 30			45 00				1 00			65												2 95																				
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Total	\$ 9 60	\$45 47	\$ 9 15		\$13 80			\$32 35	\$3 85		\$24 75	\$ 4 50		\$67 45			\$24 10		\$29 40	\$ 8 70		\$ 9 40	1 35																				
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Could not get up an accurate account of the different funds as a great many letters don't state even amount of Minute Fund; and four churches did not report this year. [CLERK.—

*Prayer-meeting once a week. They failed to give number of Sunday School scholars.
 1 Sunday School—E. R. Seward, Supt. 2 Sunday School—M. A. Biggers, Supt., 45 Scholars. 3 Sunday School—H. H. Middleton, Supt., 63 Scholars. 4 Sunday School Union—J. Moss, Supt., 20 Scholars. 5 Sunday School—J. J. Carter, Supt., 50 Scholars. 6 Sunday School—J. H. Power, Supt., 17 Scholars. 7 Sunday School—O. F. Chambliss, Supt., 25 Scholars. 8 Sunday School—H. H. Sykes, Supt., 72 Scholars. 9 Sunday School—B. E. Watson, Supt., didn't give number. 10 Sunday School—S. B. Dobbs, Supt., 45 Scholars. 11 Sunday School—Veasey, Supt., 35 Scholars. Total number—372 Scholars.

SCHOOLS.

	S. S. Work.....	Grand Total.....
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School Union—
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**Chester
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Association.**

Session 1896.

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Chester

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N. Q. ADAMS, MOD
J. R. W. FOSTER,

H. H. Sykes,
W. T. Weeks,
E. R. Seward,

Next meeting to be
county, Miss., three
one-half mile from
day in October, 1897

Next Introductory

MINUTES

OF THE

Chester Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH,

Choctaw County, Miss.,

October 3, 4 and 5, 1896.

OFFICERS.

N. O. ADAMS, Moderator,

Sturges, Miss.

J. R. W. FOSTER, Clerk and Treasurer,

Chester, Miss.



EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. H. Sykes,

Sturges, Miss.

W. T. Weeks,

Ackerman, Miss.

E. R. Seward,

Ackerman, Miss.



Next Meeting.

Next meeting to be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, Oktibbeha county, Miss., three miles northeast of Sturges, Miss., and one and one-half mile from Bradley, Miss., on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1897.

Next Introductory Sermon by David Burney; alternate, A. P. Berry.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Finance Committee.
2. Reading Letters.
3. Organization of Association.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Appoint Special Committees and Miscellaneous business.
8. Report on Missions.
9. Report on Systematic Benevolence.
10. Report on Sunday Schools.
11. Report on Miss. College and Ministerial Education.
12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Publication.
14. Report on Temperance.
15. Report on Sustentation.
16. Report of Finance Committee.
17. Report of Executive Committee.
18. Appoint Standing Committees.
19. Miscellaneous Business.
20. Prayer.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

SERMON.	ORGANIZED.	PLACE.	MODERATOR	CLERK.
	1892.	Chester.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
J. H. D. Watson.	1893.	Fellowship.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
H. M. Long.	1894.	Bear Creek.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
W. H. H. Fancher	1895.	Bethlehem.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.
Chas. L. Lewis.	1896.	Providence.	N. Q. Adams.	J. R. W. Foster.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges.	W. H. H. Fancher, French Camp.
M. A. Biggers, Chester.	A. J. Franklin, Pinto.
David Burney, Ackerman.	G. W. Henson, Bywy.
Moses Black, Sturges.	J. W. Jenkins, Bankston.
A. P. Berry, Sturges.	B. L. Middleton, Pinto.
M. A. Carr, McCool.	Joseph Peacock, Bankston.
C. H. Dobbs, Bywy.	Jasper Watson, Reform.
G. S. Jenkins, Pinto.	M. L. Oswalt, Ackerman.
J. T. Pearson, Sturges.	J. W. D. Watson, Kenago.
	W. A. Edwards, Ackerman.

LICENTIATES

J. E. Perry,	Chester
J. B. Warrell,	Fentress.
W. A. Taylor,	French Camp.
B. E. Watson,	Chester.
Billie Dobbs,	Chester.
W. P. Griffin,	Chester.

STANDING COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Missions—J. J. Carter, H. H. Sykes, M. A. Carr.
 Systematic Benevolence—A. P. Berry, M. Black, M. A. Biggers.
 Sunday Schools—W. H. H. Fancher, J. T. Pearson, W. A. Edwards.
 Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—D. Burney, B. C. McGarrity,
 E. R. Seward.
 Woman's Work—J. H. D. Watson, W. A. Taylor, M. A. Carr.
 Publications—H. H. Sykes, G. W. Henson, G. S. Jenkins.
 Temperance—S. B. Dobbs, W. M. Weeks, George Skidmore.
 Sustentation—C. H. Dobbs, C. S. Bowles, B. L. Middleton.
 Obituaries—M. L. Oswalt, Isaiah Neely, J. T. Pearson.

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1. New Haven—
- M. S. Davis, altern
2. Double Spring
- and G. M. Vaughan
3. Ruhama—G.
- B. C. McGarrity, a
4. Bethany—W.
5. Wake Forest—
6. Beulah—S. C.
7. Ackerman—D.
8. Mount Olive—
- gham.

9. Center—W. E.
10. Sykes' Chapel—
- J. T. Pearson.
11. Bethlehem—J
- absent.)
12. French Camp
- absent.)
13. Spring Hill—
- ams.
14. Mount Pisgah—
- G. W. Henson.
15. Fellowship—N
- absent.)

16. Mount Moriah—
- J. J. Robun.
17. Pleasant Ridge
18. Ebenezer—R.
- Box.

19. Ennis—R. M.
20. Bly's Creek—G
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21. Bear Creek—W
22. Fentress—J. H
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- F. F. McGary,
25. New Hope—E.

OCTOBER THE 3, 1896.

The Chester Baptist Association assembled in the Baptist Church at Providence at 10 o'clock a. m., this being its fourth annual session. After singing "Jesus Lover Of My Soul," a portion of Scripture was read, prayer was offered by brother C S. Jenkins. The Moderator appointed a finance committee, to-wit: W. J. Wilson, W. T. Weeks and Isaiah Neely. Reading clerks appointed—bretheren J. J. Carter and S. B. Dobbs. The letters from the churches were read and the names of delegates enrolled by the clerk.

1. New Haven—R. M. Simpson, J. A. Chamblee, J. W. Franks, M. S. Davis, alternate.
2. Double Springs—J. O. Templetón, I. Neely, C. C. Furgerson and G. M. Vaughan.
3. Ruhama—G. D. Weatherall, S. B. Dobbs, J. R. W. Foster and B. C. McGarrity, alternate.
4. Bethany—W. P. Griffin, J. P. Erwin and J. R. Smith.
5. Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, (Ellinton and Christopher absent.)
6. Beulah—S. C. Steele, Elmer Black and J. H. Eddleman.
7. Ackerman—D. Burney, (Seward, Hughey and Adams absent.)
8. Mount Olive—J. H. Butler, G. W. Cummings and Edward Fulgham.
9. Center—W. E. Douglass, (M. R. Fulgham absent.)
10. Sykes' Chapel—R. B. Lewis, C. C. Sanders, Meek Lewis and J. T. Pearson.
11. Bethlehem—Joseph Blanton, W. T. Weeks, (Drane and Snow absent.)
12. French Camp—W. A. Taylor, J. J. Carter, Jno. Lucas, (Fancher absent.)
13. Spring Hill—Delegates failed to come; letter sent by N. Q. Adams.
14. Mount Pisgah—C. H. Dobbs, C. S. Bowles, J. T. Allen and G. W. Henson.
15. Fellowship—Noah Fondren, (Middleton, Bollis and Stanton absent.)
16. Mount Moriah—J. H. Kite, Will Holloway, J. T. Howard and J. J. Robun.
17. Pleasant Ridge—N. Q. Adams, H. H. Sykes, and Z. R. Sykes.
18. Ebenezer—R. W. Box, A. L. Hayden, F. R. Burney and R. H. Box.
19. Ennis—R. M. Patterson, Jas. Hartness, and J. T. Pearson.
20. Bly's Creek—G. S. Jenkins, (Hester, Ward and Milligan absent.)
21. Bear Creek—W. A. Huffman, W. J. Frazier, and J. M. Black.
22. Fentress—J. H. Prewitt, Lon Warrell.
23. Clear Springs—M. A. Biggers, J. W. Ramage, and Louis Humphries.
24. McCurtains Creek—G. W. McGaugh, Will Nail, Hugh Snow and F. F. McGary,
25. New Hope—E. A. Buckner, G. A. Skidmore, (Daniels and Yeat-

man absent.)

26. Bluff Springs—J. H. Lawley, J. W. Jones, W. W. Bagwell.

27. Sturges—Alex Strand, B. F. Tomlinson, (Walker absent.)

28. Providence—J. B. Johnson, Perry Orr, M. M. Smith and B. E. Watson.

29. New Zion—J. C. Keen, D. P. Franks, J. T. Weatherall and W. M. Weeks.

30. Wood Springs—J. M. Wood, Lee Nail, and W. A. Woods.

31. Hogan's Chapel—H. R. Johnson, E. C. Johnson, W. M. Humphries.

The time for the introductory sermon having arrived, business was suspended. The brother appointed to preach this sermon being absent the Moderator requested brother Chas. L. Lewis to preach. The crowd being so great they decided to have preaching in the grove. After singing a song, prayer was offered by brother David Burney. An excellent sermon was then delivered by brother Lewis, from Rom. 6 chap., 14th verse; "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Concluded with prayer by brother N. Q. Adams.

One hour's intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Association called together by singing. Upon motion that the association go into permanent organization by electing the old officers, Adams Moderator and Foster clerk, by acclamation, which was done. After remarks by the Moderator, J. T. Pearson led in prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

Mississippi College—Chas. L. Lewis representative.

Zion Association—C. A. Hicks.

Kosciusko—J. S. Wiseniant.

Louisville—J. T. Sargent, W. A. Edwards, representing Baptist Layman.

The Moderator appointed the committee on Devotional Exercises, pastors and deacons of Providence Church together with G. D. Weatherall, Alex Strand and G. M. Vaughan.

Returned Correspondence. Kosciusko Association—W. H. H. Fancher, W. J. Frazier and W. J. Wilson; Zion—David Burney and C. H. Dobbs; Louisville—N. Q. Adams, H. H. Sykes, J. T. Pearson, and A. P. Berry; State Convention—D. Burney, J. J. Carter, S. B. Dobbs, M. A. Biggers, N. Q. Adams, W. J. Frazier, J. R. W. Foster, J. T. Pearson and W. H. H. Fancher.

Upon motion that we suspend the regular order of business and take up report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, inasmuch as brother Chas. L. Lewis is here representing the college. The committee read the report and after remarks by brother Chas. L. Lewis it was adopted. See "A"

The Committee on Devotional Exercises at this hour made this report: Brother M. W. Black, preach in the grove this hour, 3 o'clock.

Upon motion, M. R. Klults and J. W. Franklin were recognized as

delegates from Fells suspended and we have tomorrow.

The devotional committee preach at this place (gene at New Haven; day) at this place, C. J. T. Sargent. Upon taken up tomorrow by

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delegates from Fellowship Church. Upon motion that the rules be suspended and we have report on Sunday Schools at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow.

The devotional committee made the following report: G. S. Jenkins preach at this church to night; Chas. Lewis at Chester; J. T. Sargent at New Haven; M. L. Oswalt at Clear Springs; tomorrow, (Sunday) at this place, C. A. Hicks at 11 o'clock; at 2 o'clock at this church J. T. Sargent. Upon motion of B. E. Watson that the collections taken up tomorrow be used for Associational purposes.

Saturday evening preaching in the Grove by brother M. W. Black from text: 1st Corinthians 3-27. Saturday night at New Haven by brother J. T. Sargent; text, Luke 19-10; Clear Springs, brother M. L. Oswalt, text: Isaiah 55-10 and 11; Providence, G. S. Jenkins from text Psalms 126-6; Chester, brother Chas. L. Lewis, text 1st John 5-10 and 11 verses.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4TH, 1896:

After singing a song, brother M. L. Oswalt lead in prayer.

The committee on Sunday Schools, at this hour read their report and after appropriate remarks by J. J. Carter, W. M. Meddleton, S. B. Dobbs, B. E. Watson and W. J. Wilson the report was adopted. See "B."

Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. brother C. A. Hicks read a part of the 5th and all of the 6th chapter of Esther after which brother W. M. Meddleton led in prayer. Brother C. A. Hicks then preached in the Grove to a large and attentive audience from Hosea 8-12; at close prayer by brother David Burney. A collection was then taken up for Association purposes which amounted to \$11.00.

At 2:30 o'clock Sunday evening, brother J. T. Sargent preached to a large congregation in the Grove from text Romans 1-16—prayer by brother N. Q. Adams. It was there announced that brother Willie Sykes, from Sykes Chapel had the misfortune to lose by fire his residence and contents and a collection was taken up for him which amounted to \$16.50 and it was turned over by Financial Committee to brother C. C. Sanders.

At the same hour preaching in the church by brother W. A. Edwards from the text, Genesis 16-13.

Brother M. L. Oswalt made a short address Sunday evening on Mormonism, showing the effort that was being made by them to establish churches in our country, and warning the people of this dangerous doctrine.

The devotional committee made arrangements for preaching Sunday night as follows: At Providence to night, N. Q. Adams; J. T. Sargent at Clear Springs, M. L. Oswalt at McCurtains Creek; G. W. Henson at New Haven.

Providence Sunday night, N. Q. Adams from text, Mathew 27-22; J. T. Sargent Clear Springs, text 22-44; M. L. Oswalt, McCurtains Creek, text, Ecclesiastes 12-7; G. W. Henson, at New Haven, text, Romans 8-1.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 5, 1896, 9:30 A. M.

Association called together by singing. Brother A. V. Rowe led in prayer.

Upon motion brother W. J. Wilson was enrolled as a delegate from French Camps church. Brother A. V. Rowe was recognized as a representative of Convention Board, also as representing Baptist Record and Mission Journal.

Upon motion that bretheren M. L. Oswalt and M. W. Black be recognized as delegates from Bethlehem church.

Brother Alex Taylor was recognized as a representative from the Kosciusko Association.

Upon motion of J. J. Carter that clause in report of committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education which refers to money loaned Misisteral Student be stricken from report.

Upon motion brother H. P. Hurt was recognized from Yazoo Association, also representative of Baptist Layman.

The committee on Missions read their report which after remarks by brother A. V. Rowe and J. J. Carter was adopted. See "C."

The rules were then suspended and report of Committee on Publication read by J. T. Pearson after remarks by him, H. P. Hurt, J. J. Carter, M. A. Biggers, B. E. Watson, W. A. Edwards, W. J. Frazier, and David Burney, was adopted. See "D."

Upon motion that we decide now the place of meeting of the next Association and only delegates present vote on this question. Bretheren H. T. Hurt and J. T. Sargent were appointed as tellers who reported in favor of Pleasant Ridge church in Oktibeha county, 3 miles North East of Sturges and 1 1/2 miles from Bradley.

Brother A. V. Rowe preached, at request of devotional committee, to a large crowd, from 3 Psalms 2nd and 3rd verses.

The Moderator appointed a committee on Nominations, to wit: D. M. Berry, J. J. Carter and C. C. Sanders.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence read their report and after remarks by C. H. Dobbs and J. J. Carter, was adopted. See "E."

The chairman, S. B. Dobbs, on Woman's Work read the report, after remarks by David Burney and J. T. Pearson, was adopted. See "F."

The chairman, W. A. Taylor, read the report on Temperance, and after remarks by him, was adopted. See "G."

The Financial Committee made their report which was adopted. See "H."

The Treasurer's report received and adopted. See "I."

The chairman of the committee, M. L. Oswalt, read his report on Sustentation, and after remarks by M. L. Oswalt, W. A. Edwards, M. A. Bigger, J. J. Carter and W. J. Wilson, was adopted. See "J."

A collection was taken up at this hour for the benefit of widows of

preachers and preachers which amounted to \$500.00. The most needy and div Committee on N See "K."

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preachers and preachers who have spent their lives in the ministry, which amounted to \$17 35, which, upon motion, the Clerk is directed to turn over to the Executive committee, to-wit: H. H. Sykes, W. T. Weeks and E. R. Seward, and that said committee ascertain who is most needy and divide said sum among them.

Committee on Nominations made their report which was adopted. See "K."

The Colporteur read his report which was received. See "L."

Upon motion S. B. Dobbs was selected to represent the Association at the Southern Baptist Convention and W. H. H. Fancher as alternate.

Upon motion that the Clerk send \$5.00, pledged by brother W. J. Wilson, for Seminary, when he was at the convention.

Upon motion the Clerk was made Treasurer. Resolution adopted. See "M."

Motion that W. A. Edwards be continued as Colporteur. Motion that the Clerk be paid \$15.00, out of associational fund and that he have the minutes printed where it can be done cheapest.

Upon motion adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Ridge Church, which is 3 miles North-east of Sturges, in Oktibbeha County, on Saturday before the first Lord's day at 10 o'clock. Prayer by W. A. Edwards. Benediction

J. R. W. FOSTER,
Clerk,

N. Q. ADAMS,
Moderator.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Sessions of 1895-96, which closed on June 3rd, was one of the most prosperous sessions in the history of the college. Through the untiring zeal of Dr. J. W. Provine great improvements have been made. The middle building has been put in splendid repair; it was chained together, re-pointed, pointed ceiled, re-plastered and all the rooms made comfortable; the lower chapel has been enlarged, ceiled, plastered and has recently seated with large circular pews at a cost of \$560, so the college can now boast of one of the most handsome college chapels in Mississippi. A nice comfortable office has been fitted up thus furnishing a place in which to store college records as well as a place to transact college business. Other much needed work has been done around the chapel. Every cottage on the campus has been put in good repair and nicely papered. The college hall has had a new and much needed kitchen added and the steward's home repaired and papered. All the dwellings belonging to the college have been put in first-class repair, papered, painted, new fences put up, except the Gambrell house, this has not received attention for want of fences. During the year there has been spent on improvements, besides the actual running expenses of the college, \$3,359.65, all of which has been paid except \$88.06. The number of students registered during the

year was 242, this is the highest number matriculated since the abolition of the primary department in 1891. Of these 242, 39 were students for the ministry and 18 graduates. The department of the students has been excellent. For the first time in twenty years the college has paid its actual expenses and the reports show a surplus of \$275.53. The professors have received their salaries regularly and on the day they are due. The Board has placed the matriculation fee at \$35 instead of \$25. A great many other good things might be said of our beloved college but space will not allow.

A—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The year has been one of success. Of the 39 ministerial students enrolled at Mississippi College, 25 were aided more or less by the Board. Many of these are excellent young men, such as labor hard, use great economy, and are striving under great difficulties to complete their education. At the close of the session the Board had a balance in the treasury of some \$150. Besides this amount they have also \$500, received as a legacy from the Bethea estate; this amount together with the balance in the treasury is being used to build a second minister's cottage, to be used as is the Nelson cottage. It is estimated that this second cottage will cost about \$800, of this amount the Board has about \$600 and about \$200 is all that is needed in order to its completion.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash contributions	10.70
Boxes of provisions	3.00
Rents and interest	3.10
	16.80

NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

First, the Board will need at least \$200 to complete the minister's cottage. Second, furniture, beds and bedding for the four rooms and a cooking stove. Third, boxes of provisions for the sixteen young ministers who will be rooming in the two cottages and doing their own work. Fourth, at least \$100 in money for each month of the college session. Respectfully submitted and signed by the committee.

W. H. H. Fancher,
M. A. Carr,
W. A. Edwards.

B—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee finds on reviewing its several former reports to this Association on Sunday Schools that no statistics or data have been given in any previous report to or minute of the Association except as found in a foot note to the statistical table of the clerk in minutes of

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1895, and even there we find no report of number of officers and teachers engaged in Sunday School work in the churches of the Association, nor what literature used, nor amount of money collected and expenses, nor additions to church from the Sunday School and only a partial report of scholars in attendance can be found in any minute of the Association. Hence your committee is unable to say whether the Sunday School interest among the churches of this Association is on the increase or decrease, their only source of comparison and information being obtained from the single note in minute of 1895 and the church letters of this session as read in your hearing and as obtained from these two sources your committee submit the following statistical report:

	1895	1896
No. Sunday Schools reported	11	12
Officers and Teachers	00	30
Scholars	372	400
No. added to church from S. S.	00	10
Amount pd. different objects S. S.	00	46.55

Literature used—Southern and American Baptist Literature.

Your committee would emphasize the importance of the Sunday School work and urge pastors especially to endeavor to have Sunday organizations in all their churches and impress the officers with the great use of punctuality and system in the work that you may be able to show from year to year just what is being done in this much needed work among our people. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CARTER,
Chairman.

C—MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following:

It is difficult to conceive of a more important work before Mississippi Baptists than that of State Missions.

Under the management of our Convention Board seventy-three missionaries have been employed—number of stations 163; sermons preached, 3324; church prayer meetings attendance, 1428; families visited for religious purposes 4,570; number of persons baptized 877; by letter 504; number of churches organized 6; Sunday Schools organized 36; officers, teachers and scholars in same 691; number of houses of worship commenced 15; number of houses of worship finished 15; number of houses of worship repaired 11. Some of these missionaries have been employed for all, others for a part of their time. These have been occupying prominent and influential places as well as the byways of the more obscure places.

The Board has also employed three colporteur who travel, preach, scatter Bibles, tracts and other religious literature, in addition to this nine Institutes for colored preachers have been had in which great good has been accomplished.

C—HOME MISSIONS.

The following summary of the work of this Board taken from the

minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, makes a magnificent exhibit of its work during the year just ended. Missionaries 411; churches and stations 1,626; baptisms over 4,000; Sunday Schools organized 372; houses of worship built 95; houses of worship improved 146.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Southern Baptist through the Southern Mission Board at Richmond, Va., are prosecuting mission work in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan, in these countries there are 98 churches, an increase of 13 over last year; 76 missionaries, an increase of 9; this year there 735 baptisms an increase of 154; total membership of the churches, 4,295 and 1713 in the Sunday Schools. Our Association adopted the appointment plan and we see that the churches generally have complied, and there has been more money raised for missions this year than any one year before, therefore we recommend that we continue that plan.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BURNEY
Chairman.

D—PUBLICATION.

We your committee on publication, would first of all commend to the Baptist of Mississippi the careful and persistent study of the Bible, for it is God's revealed word concerning man, and the only true guide to eternal life. But as the "press" is one of the greatest means by which and is extensively used to disburse the "glad tidings of great joy," and to impart knowledge and for the exchange of thought, we would recommend the Baptist Record, a paper in our judgement, sound in doctrine, conservative in sentiment, courteous in bearing and worthy of the confidence and support of every Baptist in the State and earnestly insist that it should be in every family—we commend the "Baptist Layman" a paper well edited and ought to go with the Record into every Baptist family. It is second to none, for style size and cheapness it is above any and its doctrine are pure. With emphasis we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series for our Sunday Schools as equal if not superior to any Sunday School literature available. The Convention Series is ours to use and support in preference to any other because *it is ours*. If we fail to develop our own resources and thus become self sustaining who will hold up our hands? With the Sunday School literature we earnestly commend The Young People's Leader, published at Nashville, Tenn.; The Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.; and Home and Foreign Journal, Richmond, Va. As places where Baptist books can be procured we mention, Louisville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., St. Louis, Mo., and the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia. Among our numerous Baptist publications there are small and cheap tracts and books very needful and of great importance to the great Baptist brotherhood on doctrinal and denominational subjects. Of these we commend a judicious selection and careful reading among all Baptist. Our people should use all diligence to be informed on missions, doc-

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Your committee of report. We are glad greater interest is being the collections are highly impressed with the duty. This we cannot success in anything. We brought about a better yet, it is far short of 16:2.

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We, your committee following report: We have what progress temporary that it is making good When we contrast the ago, when whiskey c

trines, methods and all lines of Christian work and Christian life. No period has ever been more eventful than the one in which we now live, and certainly none has ever required closer thinking, broader range of vision and more earnest prayer. None has ever demanded wiser planning, more heroic action and consecrated life, among the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. PEARSON.
H. H. SYKES.

E—SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your committee on Systematic Benevolence submit the following report. We are glad to state the cause is making some progress, a greater interest is being manifested among the members, consequently the collections are increasing in numbers and amounts. We are deeply impressed with the fact that we have not reached the limit of our duty. This we cannot do without system—it is system that assures success in anything. While the quarterly system is a good and has brought about a better understanding and interest among the members yet, it is far short of the plan laid down by Paul in 1st Corinthians 16:2.

We think we should conform as near as possible to the Bible plan. Therefore we recommend a monthly system and ask the pastors of the churches to try it next year.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. DOOBS.
W. J. WILSON.

F—WOMAN'S WORK.

We your committee would report as follows: The influence for purity and the devotion to the Master's cause of our women are indispensable. Their faithful and unselfish work through the mission societies of our State wherein \$5,377.44, besides other amounts were raised and distributed by the local societies in the churches, as shown by the minutes of the Baptist State Convention, deserves our highest commendation. While we recognize these societies as being great auxiliaries to the cause of mission work, we regret to report that we know of no work being done on this line within the bounds of this Association, we therefore, recommend that in every church where it is practical that the ladies organize missionary societies or committees and insist upon their co-operation with our State Board. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. D. Watson,
S. B. Dobbs.

G—TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have been unable to secure any statistics to show what progress temperance is making. But we feel safe in saying that it is making good progress under the white flag of prohibition. When we contrast the condition of our country with that a few years ago, when whiskey could be bought in every little town and village in

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the State; we can, and do, heartily recommend prohibition to every member of this association as one of the most powerful weapons with which we can fight the demon of Intemperance and drive him from our land. We further remark, if this Association would adopt some plan to induce every member of its body to practice total abstinence it would be a great blessing and the influence upon others outside the churches would doubly repay for the sacrifice, if sacrifice we may call it. While we recommend abstaining from strong drink to be a Christian virtue, we denounce strong drink even when not taken to intoxicate, as unbecoming to a Christian and liable to encourage others to practice same. We further state, without fear of contradiction, that intemperance is one of the greatest enemies to human progress and development temporally, mentally physically and spiritually that the world has ever known and that there has been more men who became wrecks, and more women who have died premature deaths, and more children in rags, and more criminals in jail, more lunatics in the asylum, and more men in poverty, and more tramps in want, and more souls in hell, on account of intemperance than all the combined forces of Satan put together. Respectfully submitted.

W. A. Taylor,
G. W. Henson.

H—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have received for minutes.....	\$38.90
Association purposes.....	10.60
Foreign missions.....	1.00
Home missions.....	3.60
State missions.....	3.55
Missions.....	33.10
Ministerial education.....	4.00
Monument for W. M. Farrar.....	2.05
Collection on Sunday; associational purposes.....	11.00
Collected and turned over to brother C. C. Sanders for Willie Sykes whose house was burned a few days ago.....	16.50
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This am't to be turned over to treasurer.....	\$107.80

We have examined treasurer's report and found it correct.

W. J. Wilson,
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W. T. Weeks.

Am't collected by clerk for widows of deceased preachers to be turned over to Exec'tive committee, \$17.60; total amount received by treasurer 125.40

I—TREASURER'S REPORT.

(J. R. W. Foster in account with the Chester association.)
Received from Financial Com..... \$47.60

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Am't on hand heretofore	0.85
Rec'd from Bluff Springs, after session	1.25

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(Amount paid out by order of the association.)	
To A. V. Rowe for missions.	4.85
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Amount paid clerk	15.00
" paid Hurt, minutes	19.50
Express, postage, hauling, sending off minutes, paper, pencils etc	5.00

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J. R. W. Foster, clerk and treasurer received from Financial Com.	107.80
Received collection for widows to be turned over to Executive com.	17.60

\$125.40

J—SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on Sustentation would respectfully report as follows: We as a great body of believers in Christ, foster a number of good objects—but there is one object which it seems has been neglected, and that is that the temporal need of the helples, poor, and worn out ministers and the widows of those preachers who gave their lives to the gospel ministry. We have nothing to report as having been done by the churches of our association along this line. We would recommend that the various churches composing this association take into consideration the needs of brother A. J. Franklin, sister Farrar, Fant, Southerland, Peacock and Parkham who are the widows of deceased ministers and contribute of your substance to their support. We would further recommend that each church place in the hands of the church clerk the amount contributed for this purpose to be paid out by them when needed and a report of the same be made to the association at its next meeting. We think it important that this Association collect and place in the hands of the treasury of this body a sustintation fund to be subject to the order of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Oswalt
Chairman.

K.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows, viz: Brother David Burney to preach next introductory sermon, A. P. Berry, alternate. Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: S. B. Dobbs, W. H. H. Fancher, alternate. Executive committee: H. H. Sykes, W. T. Weeks and E. R. Seward. Respectfully submitted.

D. M. Berry,
J. J. Carter,
C. C. Sanders.

L—COLPORTEURS REPORT.

I, W. A. Edwards, colporteur of the Chester Association beg leave to submit the following report: Books sold since last report, Bibles 38; Testaments 76; hymn books 120; other religious books 38, total 272—subscriptions and rewards on Layman 84; sermons preached 22; prayer meetings visited 15; pages of tracts distributed 70; churches visited: Ackerman, Bethany, Clear Springs, Sykes Chapel, Mt. Moriah,, Double Springs, Mount Olive, Providence, New Haven, Bluff Springs, Bethlehem. Ruhama and Fentress; miles traveled 462.

W. A. Edwards,
Colporteur of Chester Association.

M—RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the brothers and sisters of Providence church together with their friends and neighbors, have so kindly, generously and sumptuously entertained the delegates and visitors of the chester Association: Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of Providence church and the citizens of the community for their hospitality and kindness to us, during the session.

CHURCHES.

	Baptism.	- Ad
Ackerman.....	2	
Bethlehem.....	7	
Bly's Creek.....	6	
Beulah.....	1	
Bear Creek.....	24	
Bluff Springs.....	12	
Bethany.....	4	
Clear Springs.....		
Center.....		
Double Springs.....		
Ennis.....	5	
Ebenezer.....		
Fellowship.....	5	
Fentress.....		
French Camps.....	14	
Hogan's Chapel.....		
McCurtain's Creek.....	22	
Mt. Olive.....		
Mt. Moriah.....	5	
Mt. Pisgah.....	1	
New Zion.....	10	
New Haven.....	16	
New Hope.....		
Pleasant Ridge.....		
Providence.....		
Ruhama.....	6	
Spring Hill.....	1	
Sturges.....		
Sykes Chapel.....		
Wo d Spring.....	2	
Wake Forest.....	2	
Total.....	187	

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Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Added by			Lost by			Males	Females	Total	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CHURCH CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF PREACHING.	When Organized	Seating Capacity	Value of Church Property
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Expulsion	Death											
Ackerman	2	1		3			31	58	92	B. R. Hughey	Ackerman	W. F. Cole	Ackerman	3rd and Sat'dy before	1835	300	\$ 600
Bethlehem	2			1	8		66	81	147	I. T. Sargent	Sturges	W. T. Weeks	Ackerman	4th and "	1871	300	600
Hly's Creek	8	5					31	56	90	N. Q. Adams	Sturges	A. R. Hester	Pinto	2nd and "	1861	300	
Beulah	1	4	1	4	1	1	35	34	69	J. T. Sargent	Sturges	J. H. Eddleman	Weir	1st and "			400
Bear Creek	24	3	1	6	4	103	112	215	127	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp	W. H. Black	Weir	3rd and "		300	800
Bluff Springs	12						53	74	127	J. H. D. Watson	Kenego	C. A. Lindsey	Eupora	4th and "			
Bethany	4		2	5	1	1	41	61	102	N. Q. Adams	Sturges	W. Stedman	Chester	3rd and "	1885	250	
Clear Springs				3	1	2	17	30	47	G. W. Henson	Bywy	J. W. Ramage	Chester	4th and "	1862	250	
Center							9	13	22	Ja-p r Watson	Reform	A. O. Douglass	Maben	2nd and "			
Double Springs		5		9	6	2	41	76	117	Jasper Watson	Reform	J. O. Templeton	Double Springs	3rd and "	1851	300	
Ennis	5			2	1	13	13	15	28	J. T. Pearson	Longview	J. M. Keeton	Cagle	4th and "	1888	150	250
Ebenezer		1		4	1	3	15	27	42	J. W. Jenkins	Stewart	J. O. McGary	Stewart	2nd and "	1874	240	
Fellowship	5	3	1	2	2		51	72	123	C. A. Hicks	Bellfontaine	J. W. Woodward	Pinto	1st and "	1852	350	400
Fentress							15	19	34	David Burney	Ackerman	Carrie Prewitt	Fentress	3rd and "	1892	150	
French Camp	14		1	1	2		39	30	69	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp	W. A. Taylor	French Camp	2 and 4 and nights		200	1500
Hogan's Chapel							19	21	40	J. C. Peacock	Bankston	H. R. Johnson	Chester	4th and Sat'dy before	1886	250	
McCurtain's Creek	22	1		2	4		60	71	131	J. H. D. Watson	Kenego	C. J. Buse	Bankston	1st and "		200	
Mt. Olive		2		6			16	27	43	J. T. Pearson	Longview	S. F. Butler	Chapel	3rd and "	1882	250	300
Mt. Moriah	5	3		2	2		30	31	61	J. H. D. Watson	Kenego	H. R. Kite	Kenego	4th and "	1847	250	
Mt. Pisgah	1	6	2	5	1	2	41	59	100	C. A. Hicks	Bellfontaine	C. S. Bowles	Bywy	4th and "	1845	400	
New Zion	10	2		1	2	3	54	77	130	W. H. H. Fancher	French Camp	R. T. Keen	Kenego	1st and "		300	
New Haven	18	2		5	1		44	65	109	J. H. D. Watson	Kenego	A. W. Chamblee	Kenego	3rd and "	1886	280	
New Hope		2		3			23	29	52	A. P. Berry	Sturges	J. W. Yeatman	Longview	4th and "	1887	200	
Pleasant Ridge		4	1	1	2		22	34	57	N. Q. Adams	Sturges	A. J. Sykes	Bradley	4th and "	1854	300	
Providence							34	34	68	J. H. D. Watson	Kenego	J. H. McCarty	Chester	2nd and "		300	400
Ruhama	6	3		1			22	31	53	W. H. Fancher	French Camp	J. R. W. Foster	Chester	1st and "	1881	300	400
Spring Hill	1	1			1		29	46	75	A. P. Berry	Sturges	J. O. Ray	Dido	1st and "	1842	400	
Sturges				1			2	15	35	G. S. Jenkins	Sturges	B. F. F. Tomlinson	Sturgis	1st and "	1890	300	800
Sykes Chapel							17	28	40	J. T. Pearson	Longview	T. F. Sanders	Bradley	2nd and "	1891	250	250
Wood Spring	2			1	1		33	33	66	J. C. Peacock	Bankston	J. M. Woods	Tom Nolen	4th and "	1889	250	
Wake Forest	2	2	1	8	3		35	37	72	A. P. Berry	Sturges	W. E. Berry	Sturges	2nd and "		300	
Total	137	60	10	88	29	29	1064	1392	2456								

Several of the churches above did not give the year in which they were organized, nor the value of church property, or seating capacity. 47 more were baptised this year than last. 10 more received by letter. Lost by letter, expulsion, death 12 more than the year before. Now have 2456 members.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Association Missions.	Foreign Mission.....	Home Missions.....	Missions.....	Sustentation.....	Other objects	Pastor's Salary.....	Value of Church Property..	Minut Fund.....	Sent off Foreign Missions..	Sent off State Missions.....	Sent off Home Missions.....	Sent off Ministerial Education.	Sent off Bay St. Louis.....	Sent off Orphan's Home...	Other Purposes.....	Home Uses.....	Mississippi College.	Seminary.....	Sunday School Literature.....	Foreign Missions.....	Sunday School Non-Books.....	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No Teachers.....	No. Scholars.....	Orphan Home.....	Other Purposes.....	Grand Total.....
Ackerman.....							165 00		1 00					4 20	15 85					13 35	1 00	5 20	E. R. Seward....	4	63	40	1 90	211 50
Bethlehem.....							7 00		2 00	8 00		3 60					55 00											138 00
Bly's Creek.....				\$ 4 60		\$ 50	24 25		1 50	7 40			2 00				9 00											49 85
Beulah.....	\$1 20						70 00		1 50				6 80			16 00												96 10
Bear Creek.....					\$ 4 15		113 45		2 25	8 10	3 15						12 90	7 75					W. H. Poole....	4	25			151 35
Bethany.....				2 55		2 50	41 25		1 50	4 70																		52 50
Bluff Springs.....				2 65					1 50																			4 45
Clear Springs.....									1 00			1 65				7 70												10 85
Center.....	1 00	\$.50		1 00																								2 80
Double Springs.....	2 25						27 75		2 00	30						3 00												45 00
Ennis.....							10 14		.50		.5																	10 75
Ebenezer.....		5							1 50																			2 00
Fellowship.....				7 50					1 50							12 85			1 75									22 60
Fentress.....	1 70								.50																			
French Camps.....				3 25		24 00	30 00		2 0							21 00		3 30		7 45	1 20							264 05
Hogan's Chapel.....				1 00					.75																			3 35
McCartain's Creek.....				1 85					1 50																			3 35
Mt. Olive.....				1 35					1 50					1 70				1 25										5 60
Mt. Moriah.....				1 35	.40	6 35	35 00		1 00	4 65							4 00	50		20								52 20
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 00					11 30	55 00		1 50	5 35																		73 15
New Zion.....						5 60	97 50		2 00	7 75	4 38							1 35										118 78
New Hope.....						5 00	45 00		1 50		6 35																	57 00
New Haven.....				2 75					1 25		3 55																	7 80
Providence.....	1 00					75 00			1 50														O. F. Chamblee..		35			77 45
Pleasant Ridge.....		\$ 3 6			.50	3 10			1 00		6 40	2 00					7 00						B. E. Watson....		60			54 50
Ruhama.....							30 00		1 00														H. H. Sykes....		25			67 10
Sykes Chapel.....							50 00		1 00														S. B. Dobbs....					12 00
Sturges.....	1 00					35 00	11 00																					87 00
Spring Hill.....							50 00		1 00																			
Wood Spring.....				2 50					1 50																			
Wake Forest.....																			1 00									6 00
Total.....	\$ 9 75	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.60	\$ 32.35	\$ 5.65	.67 95			38 90	24 95	24 08	4 65	10 80	1 70	4 80	77 00	88 50	1475	1 75	21 10	2 20	5 20		32				1687 43

Amount sent to different funds \$17.10. A number of churches did not report amount of Pastor's salary.

No Teachers.....	No. Scholars.....	Orphan Home.....	Other Purposes.....	Grand Total.....
4 6 3 40 1 90				211 50
				138 00
				49 85
				96 10
4 25				151 35
				52 50
3 30				4 45
4 35				10 85
				2 80
				45 00
				10 75
				2 00
3 30				22 60
6 25				264 05
				3 35
				3 25
				5 60
				52 20
				73 15
				118 78
				57 60
				7 80
				77 55
5 60				54 20
3 25				67 10
				12 00
				87 60
				6 00
32				1687 43